(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for which Government have to come out with this idea?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to prevent transmission of HIV from an infected mother to her child, Government of India is in the process of up-scaling Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) programme. The programme has already covered 224 medical colleges/district hospitals particularly in six high prevalence States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu. The programme provides a package of voluntary counselling and testing for HIV, primary prevention, counselling on infant feeding and Nevirapine prophylaxis to reduce the incidence of HIV among infants of HIV positive mothers.

Mortuaries in Government Hospitals

1554. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a report filed by a forensic science expert it has transpired that most mortuaries in the capital's Government hospitals are ill equipped to conduct an autospy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such dismal functioning; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

AIDS cases

1555. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS cases reported, State-wise, during this year;

(b) the steps being taken to eradicate this deadly disease;

(c) whether Government have created any special corpus for eradicating this disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) A statement indicating State-wise reported number of AIDS cases by the various State AIDS Control Societies till 30th June, 2003 during this year is enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) to (d) The Government implementing a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme throughout the country. The second Phase of the programme (1999—2004) has following objectives (i) to reduce the spread of HIV infection; and (ii) strengthen capacities at Central and State level to respond to HIV/AIDS on a long term basis. The National AIDS Control Project-Phase II aims at:

- Generate awareness and bring about behaviour change through targeted interventions, particularly for groups at high risk of contracting and spreading HIV;
- Support decentralization of service delivery to the States and municipalities such that programme delivery is flexible, evidence based, participatory and community driven;
- Encourage voluntary counselling and testing for HIV/AIDS, with proper linkage to blood banks;
- Encourage public-private-civil society partnership to increase outreach and coverage and to gain higher visibility while ensuring that information, products and services are available, accessible and affordable.

Statement

Statement indicating State-wise reported number of AIDS cases during the year 2003

(As on 30.6.2003)

SI.No.	State	2003 As on 30.6.03
1	A&N Island	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	913
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0

SI.No.	State	2003 As on 30.6.03
4	Assam	8
5	Bihar	6
6	Chandigarh	83
7	Chhattisgarh	0
8	D & N Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	0
10	Delhi	45
11	Goa	58
12	Gujarat	305
13	Haryana	0
14	Himachal Pradesh	7
15	J & K	0
16	Jharkhand	0
17	Karnataka	76
18	Kerala	0
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	47
21	Maharashtra	841
22	Manipur	0
23	Meghalaya	0
24	Mizoram	16
25	Nagaland	33
26	Orissa	0
27	Pondicherry	0
28	Punjab	21
29	Rajasthan	102
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamil Nadu	2015
32	Tripura	1
33	Uttar Pradesh	138
34	Uttaranchal	0
35	West Bengal	0
	TOTAL:	4720